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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : OXCART Director Meeting With
C. L. Johnson

1. The Director may wish to raise the following topics for Mr. C. L. Johnson's reactions or comments during the scheduled 6 October meeting:

- a. Sonic boom and infra-red problems relating to OXCART.
- b. Status of radar cross section pole tests on Aircraft #2 at [REDACTED] (A radar cross section status review meeting is scheduled for 16 October in Washington.)
- c. The soonest possible date a full Mach number and maximum altitude flight can be accomplished and for what duration.
- d. Lockheed's AQ-12 drone study or feasibility studies: effect or impact on A-12 program.
- e. Any trends apparent, either as a result of flight test or developmental tests, which indicate a reduction in specification performance of the OXCART vehicle or related aircraft systems.
- f. When will a fully operational aircraft be available for commitment?
- g. What are the "bottlenecks" in the OXCART program which require accelerated attention?
- h. Is the delay (16 August to the present) in getting Aircraft #1 airborne with a J58 engine a normal or an undue one at this stage?
- i. How much confidence can be placed in the use of present A-12 tank sealants at higher temperatures?

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J. What adverse effect or impact have the three AF-12 aircraft deliveries on deliveries of A-12 aircraft, particularly A-12's # 6 and # 10.

2. Mr. Johnson's frank answers or reactions to the foregoing would be of interest to the DD/R.

3. Attached is Lockheed Progress Report #36, dated 1 October, covering OXCART status at Lockheed through the end of September. The Director may wish to peruse the report.

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Attachments:

Lockheed Report #36

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